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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF**

**Art Unit: 1614**

**KATRIN KRIWET**

**Examiner: Thomas, Timothy P**

**APPLICATION NO: 10/566,485**

**FILED: JANUARY 30, 2006**

**FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS OF LAVENDUSTIN**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

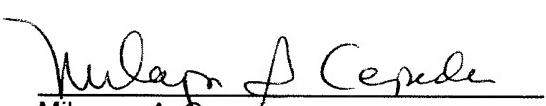
The Office Action of December 5, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on March 5, 2007. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1050 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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